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Bradley Arrest Set After Yule Holiday

Edgar Eugene Bradley, the man District Attorney Jim Garrison says conspired to kill President John F. Kennedy, faces arrest the day after Christmas.

A spokesman for the Los Angeles sheriff's office said today action against Bradley probably will be delayed until Tuesday.

A warrant for his arrest was

issued yesterday in New Orleans, and the sheriff's office said it could arrive any time.

BRADLEY, 49, West Coast representative of a radio evangelist, has denied having anything to do with the slaying of the President, who was shot down in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Bradley said yesterday he will surrender at any time requested. Bond on the charge has been set at \$10,000. He has indicated that he will fight extradition to Louisiana.

When the warrant arrives from New Orleans, the sheriff's office said, Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess will consult with the L. A. district attorney and determine what course to take.

"IF WE EVEN receive any knowledge that a felony exists, we have practically no choice but to make an arrest," the spokesman said. But he added it will probably come after the holiday weekend.

Because of the nature of the case, sheriff's officers asked the DA's office to issue a local fugitive warrant for Bradley. The DA's office said the fugitive papers probably would not be completed before early next week.

Garrison, after staying in a Los Angeles hotel under the name of Clyde Ballou, flew home to New Orleans last night. He told newsmen that federal agents know Bradley "was in Dallas and know what he was doing" at the time of the assassination.

BRADLEY SAID he was 621 miles away in El Paso,

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Tex., when he learned of the President's death. He said he was returning home by bus from a visit with his employer, the Rev. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N. J.

Bradley is charged with criminal conspiracy to commit murder in a warrant signed by Criminal District Judge Matthew S. Braniff.

The North Hollywood, Calif., broadcaster said yesterday the entire matter "is probably a case of mistaken identity."

HE SAID THE FBI questioned him about three years ago and at the end of the interview he was told that the agents were seeking "another Gene Bradley" who did not fit his description.

But Garrison told newsmen in Los Angeles "Our evidence indicates that he was in Dallas" the day of the assassination. "Furthermore, I think I can say with assurance that the federal government and federal investigative agencies and the Dallas investigative agencies know he was in Dallas, and know precisely what he was doing."

Dr. McIntire, president of the small, conservative American Council of Churches, labeled the charge against Bradley "irresponsible, unsupported and wild," and called for an investigation of the DA's conduct and sources of information. The ACC has no connection with the National Council of Churches, which it opposes.

BRADLEY SELLS Dr. McIntire's taped radio broadcasts to West Coast stations and does some broadcasting himself. He said his main problem will be financing his defense. His income, he said, is modest.

A native of Arkansas, Bradley said he came to L. A. in 1936 after serving with the U.S. Navy, and worked with a moving firm until about 1961, when he joined Dr. McIntire.

Standing five feet, eight

inches tall, the suspect has dark hair except for some gray at the temples. He and his wife, Connie, a receptionist, have a son, 19, and a daughter, 21.

Bradley joins Clay L. Shaw of New Orleans as the only man charged by Garrison so far with directly conspiring to kill the President. Shaw faces trial in February.

Garrison told newsmen yesterday no more arrests are imminent.